

SECTION 3.1 - INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION:

The Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD), within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), has responsibility for issuing certifications for industrial or commercial wastewater treatment facility operators. The purpose of this certification is to assure skilled operation of these facilities to prevent degradation of the environment and to protect public health.

A. NAME OF APPROVAL:

Industrial or Commercial Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certification

B. STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 3103, Part 31 Water Resources Protection, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, (formerly Section 2, Public Act 245 of 1929, as amended)

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 324.3103

C. APPLICABLE REGULATION:

Part 10 Rules: Treatment Plant Operators (R 323.1251 - R 323.1259)

D. SUMMARY OF APPROVAL PROCESS:

1. Applicability

An operator of an industrial or commercial wastewater treatment facility.

2. General Requirements

Every industrial or commercial entity which discharges liquid wastes into any surface or groundwater, or underground, or on the ground, other than through a public sanitary sewer, shall have waste treatment or control facilities under the supervision and control of persons who have been certified as being properly qualified to operate the facilities.

Certificate is valid for five years and is renewable.

3. Submission Requirements

- Formal application (EQP 3407)
- Educational background (including transcripts)
- Work experience

4. Procedures for Obtaining Certification Approval

Applicant submits application (EQP 3407) to the ESSD, Operator Training and Certification Unit, at least 30 days prior to established examination date.

Application is submitted to the Board of Examiners for evaluation, and the Board determines whether applicant is eligible to take written examination.

Based on written examination score and other qualifications of the applicant, the Board recommends certification of qualified applicants to the Director of the MDEQ, who issues certificates. Pass/fail results may be publicly published.

5. Operations Requirements

Certified operator must comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

6. Fees

None

7. Appeal Process

Formal appeal from an operator may be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

8. Public Input Opportunities

This program is a personal licensure program. The Board of Examiners recommends certification of qualified applicants to the Director of the MDEQ, who issues certificates. The Board's recommendations are based on the written examination score and other qualifications of the applicant. The Board meetings are open to the public. Pass/fail result rates may be publicly published.

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